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- 1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING JULY 29 AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATAN REVIEWED DIVISION OF LABOR REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. REVIEW (1) DEFINED SCOPE OF GOR MISSION TO FOLLOW UP MORTON-OPREA MEETING, (2) REAFFIRMED ROMANIAN INTEREST IN AUGUST INTERAGENCY AGRIBUSINESS MISSION TO ROMANIA ON ASSUMPTION LIST OF GOR JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS FORTHCOMING THIS WEEK, AND (3) ESTABLISHED TENTATIVE TIMING OF EMBASSY/MFT DISCUSSIONS ON STATUS OF COOPERATION PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO MORTON/OPREA FOLLOW UP AND VISIT OF INTERAGENCY TEAM TO ROMANIA (REFTELS) AMBASSADOR MET WITH PATAN YESTERDAY TO CLARIFY SCENARIO FOR PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. AMBASSADOR PROPOSED COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES ALONG LINES CURRENTLY EMERGING. PATAN AGREED WITHA LL OF THESE PROPOSALS.
- 3. ON MORTON-OPREA FOLLOW-UP PATAN CONCURRED THAT GOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER MISSION WOULD FOCUS ON ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO AND

IMPORTS FROM U.S., FACILITATION OF CONTACTS WITH U.S. FIRMS, AND EXPORT LICENSE MATTERS (SHOULD LATTER STILL BE ISSUE).

- 4. REGARDING AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION, PATAN REACTED FAVORABLY TO CONCEPT OF AUGUST INTERAGENCY MISSION TO ROMANIA. WE POINTED OUT THAT VISIT DEPENDENT UPON TIMELY RECEIPT OF GOR LIST OF AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS. (SINCE PATAN IS NOT CONTROLLING VOICE IN AGRICULTURE, HIS RESPONSE IS NOT DEFINITIVE BUT IS NEVERTHELESS POSITIVE SIGN.)
- 5. AS TO STATUS OF COOPERATION PROPOSALS AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS BE HELD HERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EARLIER AGREEMENT. TO FACILITATE THAT DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR PROVIDED COPIES OF EMBASSY LIST OF COOPERATION NEGOTIATIONS (ALSO FORWARDED TO STATE, COMMERCE, AND AGRICULTURE). FLORESCU OF MFT AVOWED THAT MFT REVIEW WELL ALONG AND COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY THIS WEEK. TARGET DATE FOR MEETING IS THURSDAY, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL. (ALL OF WHOM ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT THIS WEEKEND). BARNES

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